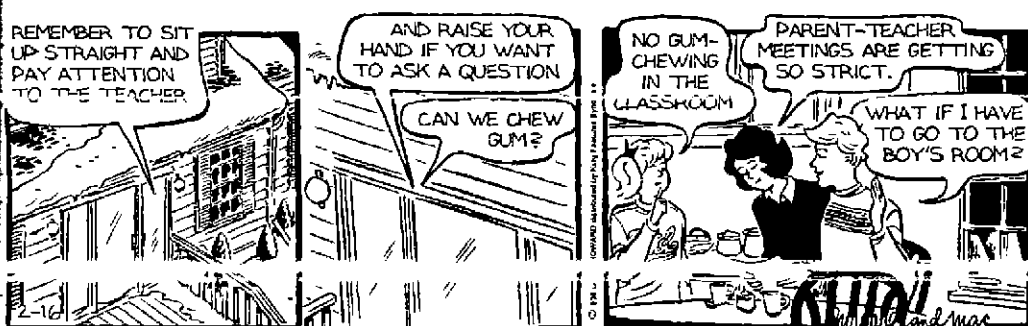


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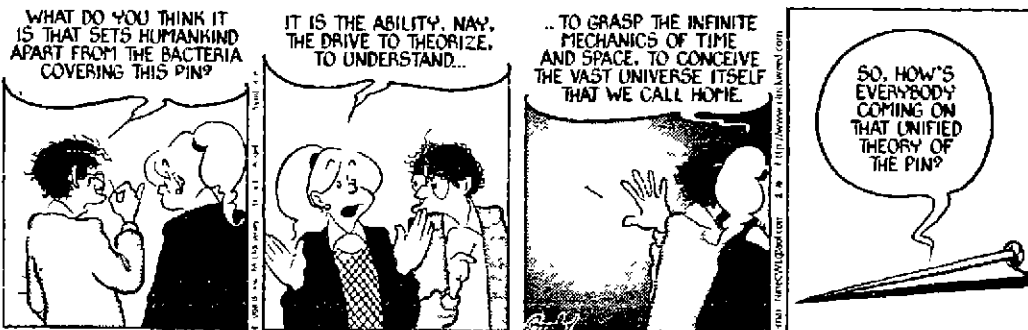
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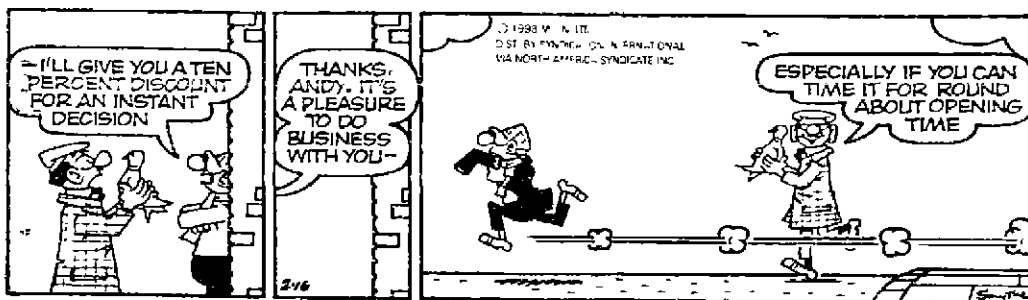
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9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



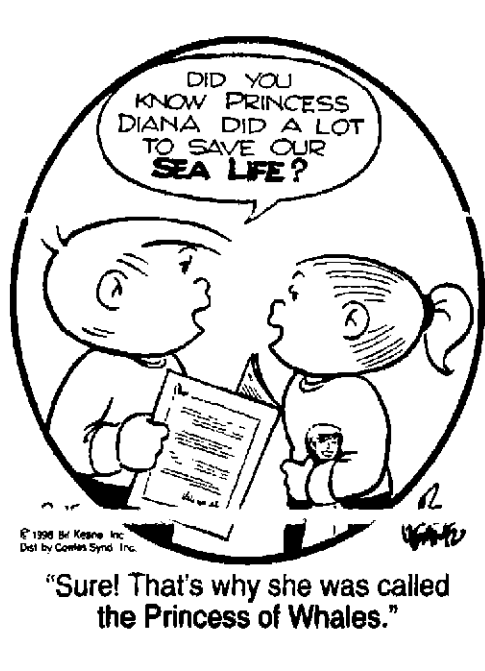
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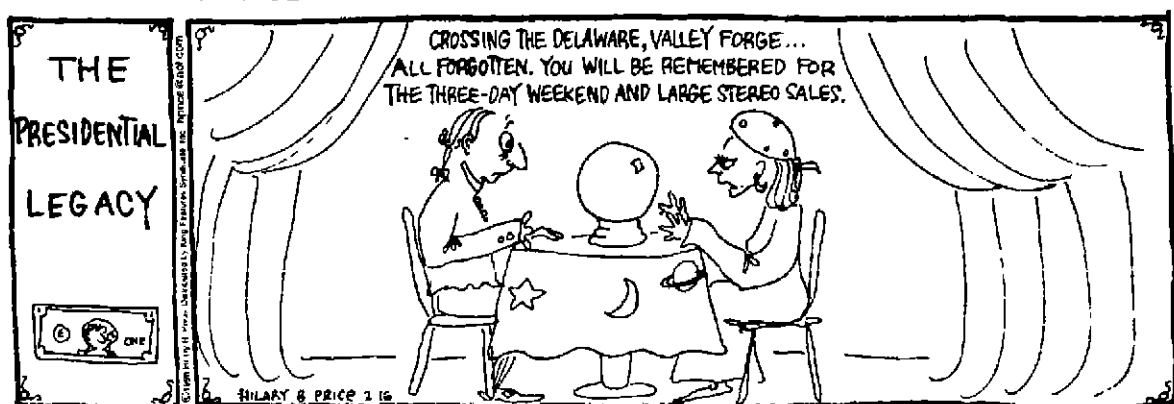
BENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



"Does this mean no to a raise?"

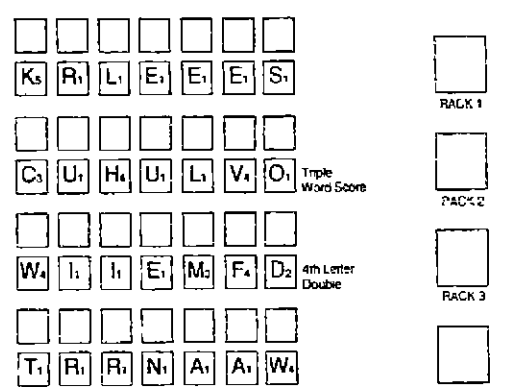
Today's Birthdays

Singer **Patty Andrews** is 78. Movie director **John** is 78. Actor **Pete Postlethwaite** is 52. Actor **William Katt** is 47. Actor **LeVar Burton** is 41. Actor-rapper **Ice-T** is 40. Tennis player **John McEnroe** is 39. Rock musician **Andy Taylor** (Duran) is 37. Singer **Sam Salter** is 20.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE



PAR SCORE 145-155
by JUDD
FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrill-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 2/16/98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

Board games

Y G C Z V S P L I D E B Y V R
O L I F C Z W T Q N R K I F C
Z W U R P P M J H E C A Z E X
B A C K G A M M O N O P O L Y
U S Q N K R L U O J C G E B C
Z I X P S C V L J V H T R B P
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V L L O R E N N I P S T R R P
N L K I H E C I D G S E C C B
Z X W T U S R E K C E H C S S
R P O O M I L J S I G E D B A

Saturday's unlisted clue: LUDWIG

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Monday's unlisted clue hint: BOBBY FISCHER'S GAME

Backgammon Jump Parcheesi Scrabble
Board Monopoly Pieces Shogi
Checkers Move Risk Spinner
Dice Othello Roll

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N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0105

ACROSS

1 Birthplace of Columbus
6 Doesn't exist
10 Dog-paddle, say
14 Baking chambers
15 Headline
16 "— you don't!"
17 What the jury does after deliberating
20 Poker starter
21 Small and weak
22 Swearing to tell the truth, and others
23 The highest degree
24 Perjured oneself
25 Facility

26 Sleuth, informally
27 Not real
29 Michael Douglas, to Kirk
32 Heavenly hunter
35 Passes easily
36 Knight's wife, in olden times
37 Legal reach, metaphorically
40 Actress Lancaster
41 "Misbehavin'"
42 Siskel's partner
43 Wreak vengeance on
44 Chicken style
45 Big blast maker
46 Biblical garden
48 Cash substitutes
50 Test— treaty

53 A Beatle
55 It's clicked on a computer
56 Vigor
57 Judge's cry
60 Thirteen popes
61 Toward shelter, nautically
62 Word with ear or peace
63 Dict items
64 Antidrink org
65 + end

DOWN

1 Tennis star Ivanisevic
2 News basis
3 Under, in poetry
4 A single time
5 Baseball bat wood
6 Philately offering
7 Awaits sentencing
8 Dark blue
9 Number of coins in an Italian fountain
10 Ice cream drinks
11 January store happening
12 Distance between belt
13 Witty sayings
14 Like the "Iliad" and "Odyssey"
15 Wander
16 Songstress Horne

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

GOESTOPOT CAMPY
LUNCHTIME AGORA
ATHEISTIC LEVON
SCANS ATHOL ARK
SANE TIAS DAS
ESC CAREER ALTO
STEEPLED LUBCAN
RAVS BOAR
ACROSS TOCCATAS
MOD CURS FAIL
IST AMICI LOCAL
LEAPT MASTIGATE
NIPAY PLAYMAKER
ENEMY SENSELESS

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"How did you make game on Board 2?" asked a fellow duplicate player. "I couldn't avoid losing two clubs, a heart and a trump trick, for one down."

How did you finesse in trumps?" was the counterquestion. "Obviously, you went the wrong way." How could South go the wrong way with a one-way finesse? West led the club king at both tables and cashed the ace after East played his jack. When South dropped his club queen, West continued with his club 10, forcing South to ruff while East discarded his diamond five. South now took a "normal" trump finesse, West covering South's queen. Elated to find the king inside, South won dummy's ace and returned a trump to his jack. West discarded, and South could no longer make his game. He lost two clubs, the heart ace and a trump to East's nine for down one. The successful South also took the one-way trump finesse, but in a different way. Instead of leading his trump queen at trick four, he led the 10. When West covered with his king without a flicker, South had his answer. West's king was likely to be a singleton. Backing his table presence to the hilt, South led a trump from dummy and confidently finessed against East's nine. This eliminated the trump loser, and South could claim his 10 winners. It is ethical to take advantage of an opponent's demeanor. It is not ethical to alter your tempo of play intentionally to deceive an opponent.

NORTH
♠ A 7
♥ K J 6
♦ A J 9 6
♣ 8 7 4 3

WEST
♠ K
♥ 7 4 3
♦ 10 8 3 2
♣ A K 10 9 6

EAST
♠ 9 4 3 2
♥ A 10 9 5 2
♦ A 3 4
♣ J 2

SOUTH
♠ Q J 10 8 6 5
♥ Q 8
♦ K Q 7
♣ Q 5

Vulnerable North South

Dealer North

The bidding
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
1 NT Pass 3 ♠ Pass
4 ♠ Pass Pass

Opening lead Club king

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